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It wasn’t long before the police in Midtown found the body of one Benjamin Franklin Moore lying in the valley. His body was in the valley for 10 days and was already in the stages of decay. Rotting at the seams, rotten skin peeled, leaving behind nothing but bone. The story made the news, and people feared. His family heard the news and grieved eternally. The tabloids were convinced it was the work of the devil, and that hell’s forces would come to punish them all. Unfortunately, that did not happen. Instead, the townsfolk dropped dead one by one. Churches began filling up, and pastors felt a fear down their spines. One by one, mutilated bodies hid behind house doors, and windows were left open for the smell of rotten flesh.

And should *you* come back, years later, everyone would be gone. Their bodies decaying to nothing but dust. The town would be abandoned. Ghosts are said to haunt the town and kill whoever they desire. Burning their victims bodies in an open fire.

Now the only question is:

How long will this ghost town remain until it withers to dust?

Only time will tell.

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